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54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
TO RENAME THE CENTENNIAL ENGINEERING CENTER AS THE "LARRY
LARRAÑAGA CENTENNIAL ENGINEERING CENTER".

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico welcomes the
opportunity to honor those who have rendered extraordinary
service or support to the university; and

WHEREAS, facilities, spaces, endowments or programs may be
named for individuals or entities whose accomplishments or
generosity advance the academic mission of the university and
further the capacity of the university to meet its teaching and
scholarly objectives and to serve its community and enhance the
growth and reputation of the university; and

WHEREAS, Larry A. Larrañaga, a former legislator who
represented house district 27, covering the northeast heights

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1 in Albuquerque, from 1995 to 2018, died on October 9, 2018 from
2 a rare degenerative brain disorder; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Larrañaga received a bachelor of
4 science degree and a master's degree in engineering from the
5 university of New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, prior to his legislative service, Representative
7 Larrañaga was a cabinet secretary for the state highway and
8 transportation department, now the department of
9 transportation, and a former chief administrative officer for
10 the city of Albuquerque; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Larrañaga was a leading voice on
12 budget legislation during his nearly twenty-four years in the
13 house of representatives; and

14 WHEREAS, support of education initiatives was one of
15 Representative Larrañaga's priorities, and he was a member of
16 the public school capital outlay oversight task force from 2001
17 to 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Larrañaga was highly respected by
19 New Mexico leaders across the political spectrum; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Larrañaga will be remembered for
21 his honesty, integrity, generosity and willingness to serve
22 others and is deserving of having a building named after him to
23 memorialize his legacy;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the board of regents of the university

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1 of New Mexico be requested to rename the centennial engineering
2 center as the "Larry Larrañaga Centennial Engineering Center";
3 and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the board of regents of the university of New
6 Mexico and to Larry Larrañaga's widow, Charletta Larrañaga.

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